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Public Safety and Security Committee

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Since I am unable to attend tomorrow's hearing, please accept the following e-mail as my testimony:

**H.B. No. 5800:** requires the registration of all firearms.

Those convicted felons who are already prohibited from owning a gun, yet possess a firearm in spite of the law, will hardly indict themselves and give it up just because of another law.

Therefore, I **oppose** this bill since it serves no real purpose other than to provide a target list for the eventual ban and confiscation of firearms owned now and in the future by our law abiding residents.

Unwanted and unintended consequences must be considered:

However unintended, it is unfortunately possible that many who are otherwise law abiding, but are strongly opposed to a state's over-reaching its constitutional limits by the creation of such a list, might simply refuse to register their firearms, thus creating new criminals where none had existed before. Honest people find themselves flouting a bad law, and that is not a good thing for anyone.

Furthermore, while serving no legitimate purpose, the bill would require the spending of substantial funds when the state's budget already has a deficit in the billions. Such costs would include not only the amounts required to 1) create and train another bureaucratic department and 2) install facilities to maintain what is an unnecessary assault on freedom, but also 3) the formidable expenses of the inevitable litigation which would be brought to challenge such legislation.

As such, H.B. No. 5800 does not add to the safety and security of the citizens of Connecticut, is in direct conflict with the constitutional right of individuals safeguarded by the Second Amendment, and is a waste of resources the state can ill afford.

**Please vote against H.B. No. 5800.**

Respectfully submitted in lieu of testimony at the hearing,

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